Advocates warn of 'broken' state mental health system

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SPRINGFIELD — As lawmakers debate ways to prevent another mass shooting, Illinois mental health advocates say more attention — and money — must be directed to a system they describe as overwhelmed and ill-equipped to identify or care for the mentally ill, including someone intent on carrying out a violent act.



In Connecticut, veteran suicides on rise

A records check of those buried at one of two Veterans cemeteries shows suicides are running about one a week in Connecticut for active and non-active service people. The problem here and nationally is likely worse than the official numbers (20 suicides a day 7300 suicides a year) since some such deaths in military zones aren't officially logged as suicides, or when the cause of death at home isn't stated as suicide out of respect for the family, religious concerns or insurance claims

http://www.registercitizen.com/articles/2013/01/26/news/doc5104b5446692b019273877.txt

Proactive Internet screening and assessment that can identify, diagnose and precisely measure in under 2 minutes clinical depression and the severity of depression among Connecticut's underserved sub- populations, geographical areas and facilities can greatly expand the mental health treatments necessary to reduce the risk for suicide and related gun violence.

On the anywhere (clinics, hospitals, homes, farms, residences, Indian Reservations, jails, small towns) and anytime (24x7x365) computer adaptive test mental health (CAT-MH) screen below, individuals can be diagnosed directly over the internet with 96.9% confidence for Major Depressive Disorders in 25.35 seconds or precisely measured and scored with 95% confidence for their current level of severity of depression in 79 seconds and automatically dispatch near real time suicide warnings to first responders, doctors, clinicians, and school counselors among others

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Demographic Information				Age: 47	Gender:	Male
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Tests	Severity	Precision	Prob of MDD	%tile Rank among MDD	Duration	1
Depression	66.1	4.9	0.976	54.1	1 minute, 19.	78 seconds
Anxiety	66.5	5.2			1 minute, 14.	
Bipolar	71.7	7.2			54.42 second	S
MDD	Diagnosis - Positive - with confidence 96.9%			nfidence 96.9%	25.35 seconds	

Senator Harp, Senator Wood and other members of the Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety

One of the tragic lesson learned at Newtown is that murder- suicide goes far beyond the individual. Young children, family, co-workers, and absolute strangers were among those who were killed or maimed at Newtown as a result of these acts of desperation.

Dr Donna Cohen, the national expert on murder-suicide from the University of South Florida said the most common mental illness involved in murder suicides is depression.

Would the Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety Mental Health Working Group consider proactive, HIPAA and FERPA compliant anywhere, anytime internet screening for clinical depression, the acute precipitant of murder-suicide?

http://www.webmd.com/depression/features/murder-suicides-in-elderly-rise

The CAT MH can proactively indentify major depressive disorders and measure the severity of depression for underserved populations and underserved geographical areas to reduce re-hospitalization, mortality, and suicide rates.

Relative to the currently used PHQ-9, the CAT-MH dramatically increased sensitivity while maintaining similar specificity. The CAT will identify more true positives (lower false negative rate) than the PHQ-9 using half the number of items, and it can be administered directly over the internet anytime (24x7x365) and anywhere, clinics, senior centers, homes, ranches, jails or even in a residence, chapter house, school or trading post in the smallest Navajo Nation or Apache Indian Reservation.

The CAT was created under a National Institute of Health grant by Dr Gibbons (University of Chicago), who was named the 2012 recipient of the Rema Lapouse Award given annually to an outstanding scientist for excellence in psychiatric epidemiology by the American Public Health Association.

Dr. David Kupfer MD the Chairman of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Task Force (DSM-5) and former Chairman of the Dept. of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh led a rigorous scientific investigation, testing and validation of the CAT

According to the most recent data (see graphic below) from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration, Connecticut has 140 unique mental health underserved areas/populations and facilities without the necessary personnel and services to deliver adequate mental health screening and assessments. (See graphic at the bottom of the email.)

Below are the double digit scores for CT populations, geographic areas and facilities on a 25 point scale that After Newtown are continuing to put CT children, teens, and adults at elevated risk for suicide and other violent behaviors

The higher the score, the greater the priority and urgency for geographic areas, populations, and facilities to begin to improve mental health screening and assessment for psychiatric disorders that can contribute to suicide and other violence.

 After Newtown, we had the opportunity to demonstrate the internet direct, anywhere, anytime CAT-DI for Dr John Krystal a national expert on treating depression. Dr Krystal is the Chairman, Yale University Department of Psychiatry and Chief of Psychiatry, Yale-New Haven Hospital.

- We also provided Dr Ismene Petrakis, Professor of Psychiatry and Chief of Psychiatry, Veterans Administration Connecticut Healthcare System and the Yale School of Medicine with a live CAT demo. Both Dr Krystal and Dr Petrakis are copied on this email
- 3. In addition we provided a live CAT-DI demonstration to Representative Bobby Scott and members of the House Judiciary Committee Staff. Representative Scott is Vice Chairman of the House Democratic Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. that is considering mental health solutions after Newtown. Mr. Scott can be reached for comment through Mr Bobby Vassar who is copied on the email.

Please consider a convenient non-commercial gotomeeting live demonstration of the computer adaptive tests for mental health (CAT MH) that will show how CT Violence and Suicide Prevention Stakeholders can increase access for screening, assessment and treatment for clinical depression, one of the most common precipitants for suicide and gun violence.

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Inadequate Mental Health For CT Elevates Risk for



State: Connecticut County: All Counties ID: All

Date of Last Update: All Dates HPSA Score (lower limit): 0

Results: 140 records found.

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